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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Subj: LEAKING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

I am forwarding the attached memoranda from the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy to each member of the Office of the General Counsel so that you understand the seriousness of this issue. The message should be crystal clear to everyone. In the war against terrorism, there is absolutely no room for the disclosure of classified information, either intentionally or inadvertently.

I expect each member of the Office of the General Counsel to maintain the highest level of professionalism when it comes to safeguarding information and that you will be especially vigilant in assuring the protection of classified information.

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Cc: Susan M. Livingstone, Under Secretary of the Navy

Fr: Gordon England, Secretary of the Navy

Re: Leaking Classified Information

Attached is an input from Secretary Rumsfeld dealing with leaking of classified information. His input is quite clear, concise and to the point. I endorse his comments – they're right on target. Personally, I cannot imagine why anyone would put our Sailors, Marines or citizens in jeopardy by deliberately leaking classified information to anyone without a need to know.

Make sure that everyone in your organization clearly understands that disclosure of classified information directly impacts our nation and citizens. It's also illegal! Further, there is a DOD IG hotline (1-800-424-9098) that can be used by anyone who has information about the source of leaks. I firmly believe that it is everyone's responsibility to report any knowledge they may have regarding the source of leaks of classified information.

Thanks.

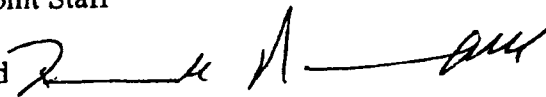
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TO: Deputy Secretary of Defense
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Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
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Director of the Joint Staff

FROM:

Donald Rumsfeld



SUBJECT: The Impact of Leaking Classified Information

I have spoken publicly and privately, countless times, about the danger of leaking classified information. It is wrong. It is against the law. It costs the lives of Americans. It diminishes our country's chance for success.

Attached is an unclassified CIA assessment of the impact of leaks on the global war on terrorism. The disclosure of classified information is damaging our country's ability to stop terrorist acts and is putting American lives at risk.

Your leadership is needed to help stop leaks. Please meet with your staff to discuss the seriousness of the damaging lack of professionalism we continue to see on a daily basis.

Please let Larry Di Rita know after you have had the discussion with your staff of any feedback you feel would be helpful.

Thanks.

Attach.

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Memorandum

In response to a request for unclassified information regarding the impact of leaks on the war against terrorism:

Al-Qa'ida is a savvy, experienced terrorist organization that has watched the US for years, and it pays close attention to publicly available information that will help it evade US intelligence. ***A growing body of reporting indicates that al-Qa'ida planners have learned much about our counterterrorist intelligence capabilities from US and foreign media.***

- Information obtained from captured detainees has revealed that al-Qa'ida operatives are extremely security conscious and have altered their practices in response to what they have learned from the press about our capabilities. (U)

The cumulative effect of public disclosures of classified, terrorism-related information—including significant losses from such disclosures predating 11 September—has jeopardized highly fragile and very sensitive intelligence capabilities that we require for the successful prosecution of the war against terrorism.

- Disclosures of classified information also reduce the willingness of potential allies, volunteers, and sources in foreign countries to work with us out of fear of having their cooperation publicized in the press. (U)

When lost, we attempt to rebuild these capabilities and relationships when we can, but these efforts take time and are expensive.

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